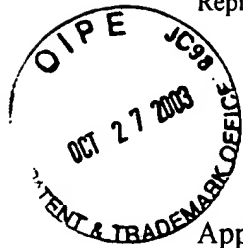


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND RCE

Sir:

This request for reconsideration and RCE are in response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 28, 2003, a three month extension of time up to and including October 28, 2003.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.